

AFTER THE PRIZES

Many Illinois Boys Enter Big Corn Raising Contest.

NINETY-TWO FROM THIS COUNTY

Samples to Be Exhibited at St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Secretary A. B. Hostetter, of the State Farmers' Institute, announces that he has received 4,300 applications from boys of Illinois for seed corn to be planted to raise corn in competition for the prizes offered the boys of this state for the best samples of corn raised therefrom and exhibited at the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis next year.

It will require 36 bushels of seed corn to supply all the applicants and the postage used in sending it out will amount to \$168. There were 92 applications for corn from this county. Johnson county leads in the number with 329 applications and other counties from which letters were received are as follows:

Champaign county, 98; Edgingham, 100; Edgar, over 100; Fulton, 158; Mason, 181; Winnebago, 115. Others above 40 are: Bureau, 60; Clay, 55; Clark, 64; Cumberland, 42; Franklin, 49; Ford, 43; Iroquois, 42; Montgomery, 68; Macon, 72; Ogles, 62; Rock Island, 92; Saline, 52; St. Clair, 60; Washington, 48; White, 64; Will, 47; Wayne, 57; McLean county comes in for 29; Livingston, 36; LaSalle, 36; DeWitt, 26; Peoria, 15; Platt, 36; Tazewell, 25; Vermilion, 30; Woodford, 25.

School Officers Help.
Most of the large lists have been secured by superintendents of schools and their teachers. Nine counties—Callhoun, Clay, Macoupin, Lee, Perry, Randolph, Massac, Whiteside and Sangamon—are handling their corn-growing contests themselves. Mr.

Hostetter supplying only the printed wrappers for the corn. These counties will average 100 boys in the contest.

It is a remarkable fact that 74 Missouri boys, 20 Indiana boys, 41 Texas boys and 19 Iowa boys have applied for corn in this contest. These applications will be turned over to the superintendent of institutes in the respective states. Applications have been received from 18 other states, ranging in number from one to 15. These letters and postage inclosed will be returned to the senders with the note that the contest is only for Illinois boys.

LETTER FROM T. H. THOMAS.

Offer to Refund Money if Hyomei Does Not Cure Catarrh.

To the Editor of The Argus: I have been asked recently if the advertisements printed in your columns regarding Hyomei were true, where I offer to refund the money if this treatment does not cure catarrh. I wish you would please print this letter in as conspicuous a place as possible in your paper, saying that I absolutely agree to refund the money to any purchaser of a Hyomei outfit if it does not cure catarrh.

This outfit consists of an inhaler of a convenient size to be carried in the vest pocket so that the user can breathe the Hyomei air four or five times daily. With this is included a medicine dropper and a bottle of Hyomei. The outfit sells for \$1 and is a most economical treatment, for the inhaler lasts a life time and there is enough Hyomei for more than a month's use, while extra bottles can be obtained for 50 cents.

I trust this communication will settle any doubts that may have arisen as to my willingness to refund the money for a Hyomei outfit in case the purchaser is not satisfied.

I wish to say emphatically that my guarantee on Hyomei holds good, and I will refund the money to any dissatisfied purchaser who simply states that he has used the treatment according to directions and not been helped. Respectfully yours,

T. H. THOMAS.

LAW FOR CHICAGO

Seems To Be the Most "Onsartin'" That the Solons Have Tackled.

DOESN'T KNOW HER OWN MIND

View Taken of the Old Town Just Now at Springfield—Matters in Front at Capital.

Springfield, Ill., April 6.—Under the adjournment resolution adopted last week there will be no session of the general assembly until Wednesday morning. For this reason the amount of business which can be transacted during the week is limited, but it is likely that a large number of bills will be passed. The senate is well up with its work and has a heavy calendar. Owing to its methods of doing business it can dispose of any number of bills in a single session. The author of a bill has little difficulty in explaining his measure to the individual members so they understand what they are voting on before the roll is called. This is impossible in the house, where the confusion is generally so great that few of the members can make themselves understood when explaining a bill from the floor.

Municipal Ownership.
The most important matter which the senate will have under consideration



JOHN H. MILLER.

tion during the week will be the municipal ownership bill. That measure is on the order of third reading, ready to be passed as soon as the Chicago election is over, but there are few who believe it will go through in its present form. It is regarded as probable that as soon as the excitement of the election has died down it will be found that the bill needs amendment and it will be recalled for that purpose.

There's Even Special Session Talk.
There is no end of talk and speculation about the "Chicago bills." One report has it that a special session of the legislature to consider them is among the possibilities. Some of the labor members declare that a special session, at which the Cook county bills can be considered on their own merits and without reference to the bills wanted outside is the only solution of the present difficulty. Governor Yates has not yet been sounded on the proposition to have a special session. There are reasons for supposing that he would oppose it on general principles, because special sessions are not popular as a rule. On the other hand, however, there are those that urge that there are good reasons why the governor might want one at this time.

MUST KNOW HER OWN MIND
What Some of the Wiscreses Are Saying About the Windy City.

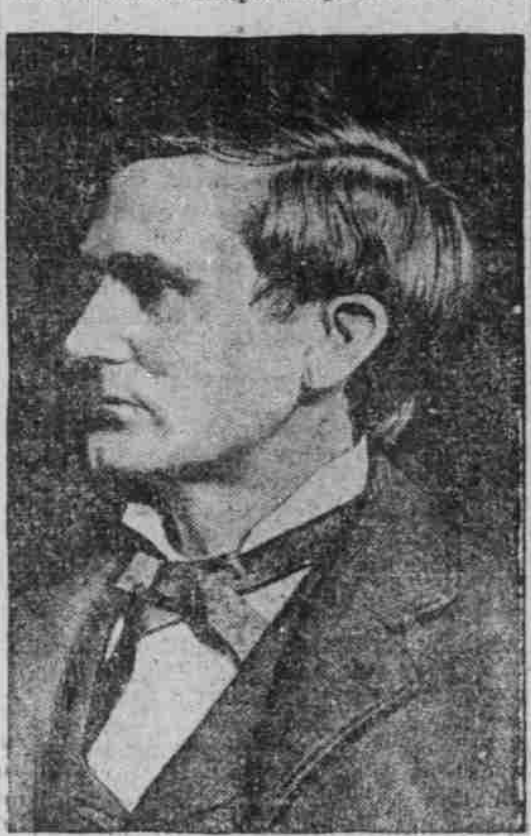
One of the observing ones, referring to the fact that members of the legislature, lobbyists, and many others have been deluged with telegrams from Chicago within the last forty-eight hours asking: "What chance is there for the passage of a street railway enabling act for Chicago?" says that "In the opinion of the leaders in both houses and men of experience in the legislature, such an act can and will be passed after the Chicago election is decided—on three conditions:

"That Chicago demonstrates to the legislature that it wants such a law.
"That Chicago's representatives in and out of the legislature agree on a bill and make a united front.
"That the bill is plain and uncomplicated and contains nothing in the nature of an 'Allen bill' joker."

"All three of these conditions also depend on one other—that the same enthusiasm is evinced by the leading men of Chicago after the election as has been shown up to date. It is the opinion of most everybody that these conditions will all be met. If they are, there is no question of the stand of the legislature.

"From the date of the opening of the legislature not a single attorney, lobbyist or other representative of the street railway interests of Chicago has appeared here and not one word has ever been said in opposition to the Mueller and other bills. Neither has any man in either house, with traction connections or records for doing the bidding of these companies ever spoken neither for or against the pending bills.

"With full, fair and free discussion, with the heat of political campaign eliminated, with Chicago united, and with a bill as simple as possible to cov-



LAWRENCE Y. SHERMAN.

er the ground, there is no question of the ultimate success of an act enabling Chicago to acquire her street railways for operation or lease. In other words, it is up to Chicago to make the fight, beginning next Thursday at 2 p. m. before the house committee on municipal corporations."

STILL MORE CHICAGO BUSINESS
Drainage Canal Matters Will Come Up—Civil Service Bill.

The Chicago drainage legislation is to be taken up Wednesday, when the senate committee will proceed to the consideration of the bill which has been agreed upon as a compromise between the sanitary district and the commissioners of the Illinois and Michigan canal. The bill is still in committee, and some doubt is expressed as to the ability of its friends to get it out. The Chicago members are not a unit concerning the proposed annexation of the Calumet district to the Chicago drainage district and some of the country members are not satisfied with other provisions of the measure. Chairman Clark made an effort to have the bill reported from the committee immediately after it had been agreed upon by the representatives of the sanitary district and the canal commissioners, but the effort was balked.

The house civil service bill has been reported to the senate and is now in the committee on civil service. No one appears to have any sort of notion as to what will be done with the bill. Since it was amended by the addition of the referendum clause its friends appear to have lost interest in the measure. The house convict labor bill is also in the senate.

When the house meets next Wednesday it will take up bills on the order of third reading, except in instances where special orders have been made.



FRANCIS W. PARKER.

There are many of these special orders as a result of the session held Friday. The following are those set for Wednesday: Providing for the taxation of the capital stock of foreign corporations doing business in Illinois, on second reading; the child labor bill prepared by the committee on labor, on second reading; authorizing county courts to appoint stenographers, on third reading.

The following measures are special orders for Thursday: To increase the salary of members of the general assembly to \$2,000 per annum, on third reading; committee on judiciary bill to amend the local improvement act, on second reading; to increase the salaries of circuit and superior court judges to \$5,000 per annum, on third reading; to permit the construction of a street railway line over the bridge at Rock Island, on third reading; the mining committee bills amending the mining laws; regulating the firing of shots in coal mines; limiting the powers of the Cook county board of review; providing that one-half of the inheritance tax shall be paid to the counties in which it is collected.

At 2 p. m. Wednesday memorial exercises in honor of the late President McKinley and Gov. Tanner will be held in representatives' hall.

Exhaust Your Bowels With Cascaras.
Cascara Sagrada, pure cathartic, forever cures constipation, restores appetite, builds up the system, and drives out all poisons.

Oriental Rugs

We have purchased and shall offer for sale at prices much below their real value, the FAMOUS HADJI MEHMET DILMAKHANI collection of Oriental Rugs and Carpets.

HADJI MEHMET DILMAKHANI, of Tabreez, Persia, is a well known collector and connoisseur of Oriental Rugs, and we consider ourselves fortunate in purchasing this grand collection from his New York representative at a fraction of its value for spot cash.

In making this collection Hadji Dilmakhani made it an object to secure representative pieces from all the rug making sections of the East. They are typical rugs of high class from the shores of the Bosphorus, from the Caucasian fastnesses now dominated by Russia, and from the looms in Jeypore, Agra and Amritsar, India, from the Steppes and from Persia.

To the lover of the spontaneous fabrics of the East, this collection will appear most praiseworthy, as nothing better has been shown outside of New York. In fact the majority of the specimens are considerably higher class to what we have formerly carried, but as we secured them at a big sacrifice, we can sell you the best at the same price that an inferior article has been offered heretofore if you appreciate their subtle charm and barbaric beauty, this collection will be of rare interest.

This collection consists of splendid Turkish Rugs in deep rich tones and remarkable and rare patterns a thousand years old. Dainty, soft, light effects, made from the finest Pashmina wools of East India, and dyed in mellow rich tones by a purely vegetable dye.

Magnificent Persian Rugs from the very heart of Persia and the principal rug-making villages—in quaint, unusual figures and rich marvelous effects which are practically indescribable, and we may say indestructible as well, for one generation can never wear them out. The antique rug is practically becoming extinct and much more difficult to find every day. Fifteen or twenty years hence it will be impossible to procure in the rug markets of the world.

We possess of this particular kind about 200 rare antiques, some of them the much-sought for old Franks, Serabends, Mrs. Laristans, Tchernans, Feraghians, Kurdistans—all absolutely perfect.

Nothing like a detailed list of the rare and exquisite pieces to be found in this collection can be given here. We must limit ourselves to the simple statement that almost every part of the Orient is represented by many of their rarest and best productions; and to be able to pick from this collection at the prices we are able to make is indeed good fortune.

Oriental Rugs at these prices are financial investments and not an expenditure, for these reasons:

First—The Oriental Rug retains its value just as does the diamond, an oil painting or gold, as a recent Marquand Sale in New York demonstrated, \$38,000.00 being paid for a single specimen size 11-10x6-1, and the report is that 10 years ago the rug was bought for something like \$7,000.00.

Second—There is no other article of household decoration that will add such tone, and so enhance the appearance of the home as the Oriental Rug.

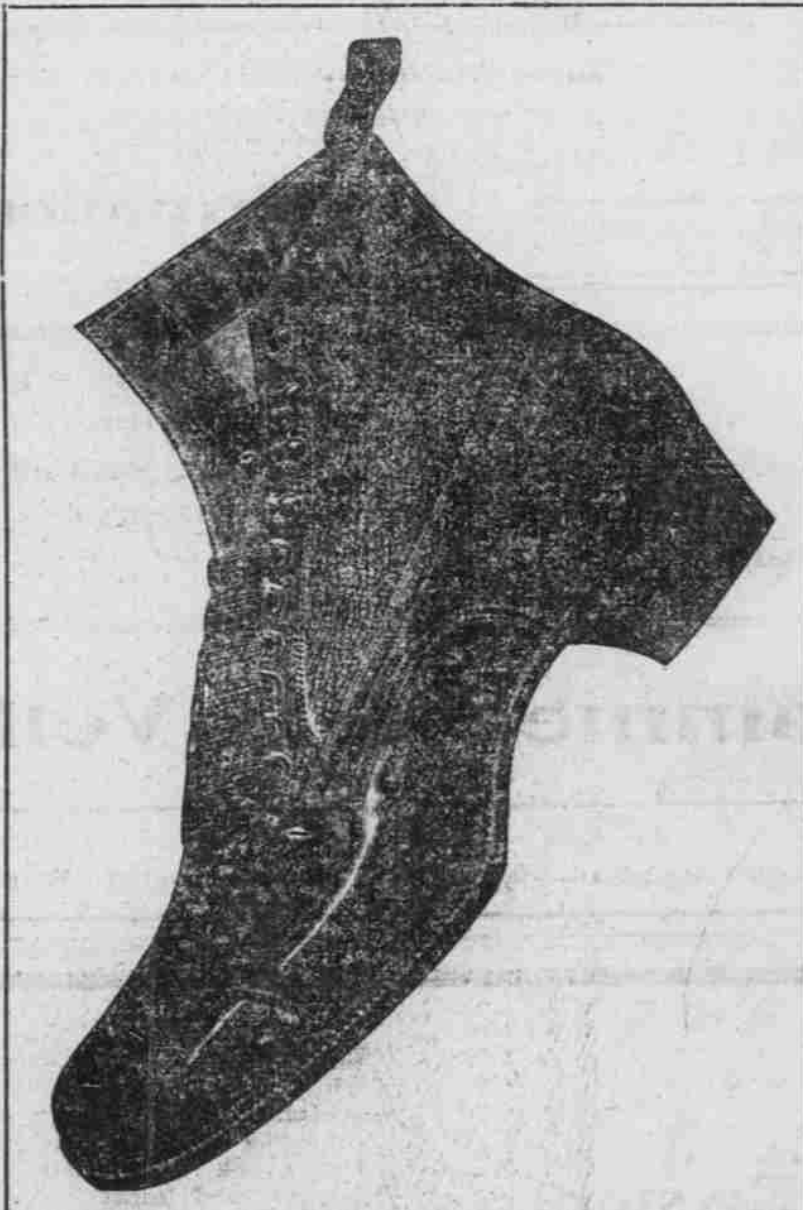
Third—Because it is so great a treat for one familiar with Oriental Rugs to study the design, color and handwork of the artist who has blended these magnificent effects.

In fact no modern house can be considered complete without its floors are treated with these Eastern loom panels.

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Cheap Tickets to the Northwest

This is your opportunity—go out and see the country. Don't work for other people any longer.

\$30 to Seattle, Tacoma, Portland; \$27.50 to Spokane; \$26 to Helena and Butte, and rates in proportion to practically the entire Northwest. The cheap tickets will be on sale every day until April 30. Special tickets will also be sold to Minnesota, North Dakota and Manitoba on certain days in March and April.

When anybody with good health, a willingness to work, and a few hundred dollars in hand can go up in the Northwest country and buy a farm-home for himself where land is cheap and plentiful, where all kinds of fruits and vegetables flourish, where the climate is perfect, and where churches and schools abound, it is hard to understand why people wear their lives out at home.

Renting a farm, perhaps.

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Are you satisfied with your profit?

Are you putting away plenty for your old age?

Do you think you are doing well for your children?

Well, I guess I am a bit of a chump."

If you answered honestly you would probably wind up by saying: "Well, I guess I am a bit of a chump." Why don't you go out there and look around? These very cheap tickets are provided for just such people as you, to enable you to go out and see for yourself what a really wonderful and prosperous country it is.

If you can wind up your affairs at once, go prepared to stay; and when you get settled, send for the folks. You will be a man amongst men out there, not a drudge. In a few years, if you are worth shucks, you will be prosperous.

At any rate, cut out the coupon in this advertisement, fill it out and send it to F. A. Hart, and he will send you at once a folder telling all about the ticket rates, how to go, the different routes and trains, and about the comfortable tourist sleeping cars. \$5 for a double berth, holding two, St. Paul to the Pacific Coast. Send for a copy to-day before you forget it.

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F. A. HART, Passenger Agent C. B. & Q. R. R.,

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